

Current crisis in Ukraine: the impact on Czech migration policy

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Abstract

In November 2013 protests in response on cancelation of Association Agreements preparations between EU and Ukraine stand on the beginning of crisis, which resulted in annexation of Crimea by Russian Federation and in armed conflict at Eastern Ukraine. Those events led to a significant deterioration of security and socioeconomic conditions and influenced migration flows in Ukraine. In April 2015 there was 1 192 000 Internally Displaced Persons and more than 700 000 people fled Ukraine. This situation also affected Czech Republic that is common target of migration from this country. This thesis analyses the reaction of the Czech state institutions on Ukrainian crisis and its influence on migration flows. Migration policy is in this thesis divided in immigration policy, asylum policy, integration policy, external dimension of migration policy and crisis reaction. Author analyses budget changes, Government Resolutions and changes in state strategies concerning migration or security in connection with possible migration flow from Ukraine. It is also evaluated how Czech Republic grants different kinds of international protection to refugees from Ukraine.